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Virginia Juvenile Justice Association

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VALENTINE HONORED FOR WORK IN JUVENILE JUSTICE FIELD

On November 2, 2006, long time DJJ employee, Angela Cimino Valentine, was honored for her contributions to the juvenile justice field. While attending the 30th Fall Juvenile Justice Training Institute, Valentine was presented the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association's *2006 Meritorious Award in the Area of Administration*. Employed by the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice as a Manager in the agency's Division of Juvenile Justice, earlier this year Valentine reached the milestone of 30 years of service. During her tenure she has been responsible for tremendous growth in public-private partnerships and the development of an extensive, statewide continuum of services and programs for court-involved children. Contracted residential programs developed under her leadership include a 102 bed boot camp in Kenbridge, Virginia, formerly operated by Cornerstone, a halfway house, the Harriett Tubman House, formerly operated by United Methodist Family Services of Richmond and the Tidewater Environmental Boat Program, formerly operated by the Associated Marine Institutes. Valentine's work has not been limited to contract development and monitoring, but has also included the management of centralized funding sources that have made it possible for countless court-involved children to benefit from counseling and other services. A former juvenile probation Officer for Henrico County, while she has not worked directly with children for many years, her work on the policy level and in program development has an impact on thousands of court-involved children each year. Valentine, her husband Rick, an employee of the Henrico County Police Department, and their two teenage sons, Nick and Matthew, live in Wellesley.

Background: Each year the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association recognizes professionals who have made extraordinary contributions in the juvenile justice field. Meritorious awards are presented in the areas of: Administration, Court Services, Residential Care and Community Service. Recipients are recognized before their peers at VJJA's Fall Juvenile Justice Training Institute, held annually in November.

About VJJA: Founded in 1966, the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) is an organization comprised of professionals representing court services, the judiciary, indigent defense, detention homes, juvenile correctional facilities, halfway houses, group homes, mental health, education, law enforcement, social work, and others with an interest in youth and family services. The organization is administered by an elected board of directors and is committed to child advocacy and advancing the professional interests and competencies of its members. State and local training events are held, with a statewide conference held annually in November. Learn more at www.VJJA.org.



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